IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE, ANDHRA PRADESH
AT HYDERABAD

THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE N.V. RAMANA

WRIT PETITION NO : 6959 of 2006

DATED: 24.4.2006

Between:

J.C.V. Ramana petitioner

And

The Depot Manager, APSRTC,

Rajampet Bus Depot,

Kadapa district Respondent

THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE N.V.RAMANA

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ORAL ORDER:

The present writ petition is filed questioning the proceedings dated 25.3.2006 suspending the petitioner pending enquiry.

The petitioner is working as Deputy Superintendent (Mechanical). While so, a

charge sheet was issued to the petitioner alleging that he was found sleeping while on duty at 2.20 hours on 25.3.2006. On the same day, he was placed under suspension, pending enquiry. The petitioner submitted his explanation on 29.3.2006 denying the charges alleged against him and contends that for the charge alleged against him and he is ready to face the enquiry and placing him under suspension, is unwarranted. Hence, the present writ petition.

Heard the learned counsel for petitioner and learned Standing Counsel for respondent corporation.

The impugned order is passed only on 25.3.2006 and it would be too premature to hold that respondents will not take any action in the matter. Suspension orders will generally be passed to facilitate free and fair enquiry. It is well settled that in the matters of suspension pending enquiry, this Court normally does not interfere, unless malafides are attributed. In the present case, I see no reason to interfere in the matter. However, the petitioner is at liberty to make a representation to the respondent to raise the suspension and on making such an application, the respondent shall reconsider the matter and pass appropriate orders in accordance with law, expeditiously.

Subject to above direction, the writ petition is disposed of. No costs.

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N.V.RAMANA,J

DATE: 24.4.2006.

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